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Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

AMENDMENT

This amendment is in response to the Official Action dated November 29, 1996. A Petition for a one-month extension of time is enclosed herewith extending the response period to Monday, March 31, 1997.

The undersigned notes that a Preliminary Amendment adding claims 8-20 was submitted for this application on May 6, 1996. However, these new claims are not yet of record in the Official Action dated November 29, 1996. A copy of that Preliminary Amendment is enclosed herewith (note the certificate of mailing). Consideration of these additional claims is respectfully requested.